

In the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing a portable interlocking skate assembly, in combination, comprising:

- a) a first and second rail section, each said rail section being elongated having first and second opposing ends and a top and bottom;
- b) wherein said first end comprises a male end thereon and said second end comprises a female aperture therein, said second end for receiving said first end therein so as to join said rail sections together, a playing surface being thereby formed on said top of said joined rail sections to provide a skating surface;
- c) at least one support leg being disposed adjacent said first or second end of each said rail section, said support leg being disposed on said bottom of each said rail section, said support leg having first and second opposing ends, wherein said first end of each said support leg is hinged to said rail section to permit the support leg to be folded upwardly toward the bottom of the rail section between the first and second ends of the rail section; and,
- d) a footplate being disposed on said second end of each said support leg to permit the support legs and rail sections to stand upright above a support surface, wherein each said footplate is hinged to said support leg to permit the footplate to be folded to a position parallel to and adjacent to the support leg[.];

e) a retainer member being disposed on said bottom of said rail in a position so as to secure said support leg in the folded position, wherein said support leg is secured to said bottom of said rail section;

f) a bracket adapted to connect said first and second rail sections together and thereafter to allow said first and second rail sections to be separated from each other; and

wherein said bracket is U-shaped and comprises:

g) a first bracket leg that is longer than a second bracket leg, said longer bracket leg having an aperture therein;

h) wherein said longer bracket leg is attached to said first end of said first rail section having a fastener pass through said aperture into said first rail section to permit the first rail section to be joined to the longer bracket leg; and,

i) wherein said second bracket leg is attached to said first end of said second rail section so as to removably join said first and second rail sections together.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim [[5]]1, further comprising a carrying handle being disposed intermediate said opposing ends of said first and second rail sections to permit the rail sections to be carried about when they are joined together.

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein said first and second rail sections are tubular having a bore therein.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said second bracket leg is disposed inside said bore of said first end of said second tubular rail section so as to removably join said first and second tubular rail sections together.

9. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein said first and second rail sections are square.

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein said first and second rail sections are round.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said first and second rail sections form a straight playing surface when they are joined together.

12. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein said first and second rail sections form a curved playing surface when they are joined together.

13. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein said first and second rail sections form a round playing surface when they are joined together.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said first and second rail sections form a square playing surface when they are joined together.

15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein said first and second rail sections form a playing surface having multiple bends therein when said rail sections are joined together.

16. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said first and second rail sections form a playing surface wherein a first end is higher than a second end when said rail sections are joined together.

17. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein said first end of said first rail section is higher than said second end.

18. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said first end of said second rail section is higher than said second end.